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FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: FORMULATION OF AMBASSADOR'S SPECIFIC GOALS AND
TASKS

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BUREAU'S DRAFT OF SUBJECT DOCUMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ASAP.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR: SYRIA

I. MAINTAIN SYRIAN COMMITMENT TO MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT
EFFORT

--RETAIN SYRIAN CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION

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--ENCOURAGE CONTINUED SYRIAN ENGAGEMENT IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND STIMULATE FLEXIBILITY IN APPROACHING THE COMPONENT ISSUES.

--ASSURE OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION AND FULL MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF EVOLVING VIEWS AND POSITIONS.

II. STRENGTHEN AND BROADEN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS

-- MAKE CLEAR THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHES TO THE EXPANDING BILATERAL TIES WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED SINCE THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS IN 1974.

--ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS AS A BASIS OF COMMON INTEREST AND BENEFIT THAT WILL COMPLEMENT POLITICAL RELATIONS AND CUSHION THE RELATIONSHIP AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF POLICY DISAGREEMENTS.

--CONTINUE TO WORK FOR A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF U.S. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CLAIMS AGAINST THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SIMILAR OBSTACLES TO DEVELOPING BILATERAL RELATIONS.

--SEEK OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE VISIT OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS, CONGRESSMEN AND OTHERS TO VISIT SYRIA AND ENCOURAGE SYRIAN OFFICIALS AND PROFESSIONALS TO VISIT THE U.S.

III. ENCOURAGE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

-- NURTURE THE LONG-RANGE TRENDS ALREADY EVIDENT UNDER THE ASSAD REGIME OF A FULLER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- MAINTAIN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES TO
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MAKE KNOWN U.S. APPRECIATION FOR THE RETENTION AND EXPANSION OF IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SITUATION OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

-- CONTINUE TO MAKE KNOWN THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE PRESIDENT AND AMERICAN PEOPLE ATTACH TO THE EMIGRATION TO THIS COUNTRY OF INDIVIDUALS IN THAT COMMUNITY WHO FACE SOCIAL AND HUMAN PROBLEMS AND ENCOURAGE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF THEIR APPLICATIONS TO EMIGRATE.

IV. ENCOURAGE SYRIAN MODERATION ON REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES

BASED UPON STRENGTHENED BILATERAL RELATIONS:

-- SEEK AND ENCOURAGE THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT ALL LEVELS ON QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

-- URGE NON-CONFRONTATIONAL NATURE OF RECENT U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION AND ENCOURAGE SYRIA TO ADOPT A MODERATE STANCE AT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS OF BOYCOTT LIAISON OFFICES.

.- ENCOURAGE THE SYRIANS TO VIEW THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY
AS ESSENTIALLY INTERDEPENDENT AND SEEK THEIR UNDERSTANDING
OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF ARAB OIL TO THE
WEST AT REASONABLE PRICES.

-- CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF EXCHANGES ON NORTH-SOUTH AND
OTHER GLOBAL QUESTIONS TO EXPLAIN U.S. VIEWS AND CONCERNS
AND SOLICIT, IN SELECTED KEY CASES, SYRIAN ADJUSTMENTS
TO MEET U.S. OBJECTIONS.

-- REINFORCE THE SYRIAN PREFERENCE TO AVOID OVERDEPENDENCE
UPON THE USSR. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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